

## Oswald, Hank

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**From:** Oswald, Hank  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2019 1:49 PM  
**To:** Williams, Jeffrey  
**Subject:** FW: Pics\_Complaint\_Honey Locust Court  
**Attachments:** 20190724\_111706.jpg; 20190724\_111653.jpg

Hi Jeff:

I received a call from a concerned resident about water run off from the neighbor's property located at 5107 Honey Locust Court (possibly from downspout) onto the "septic tank" lid of the complainant's property located at 5111 Honey Locust Court in Walnut Creek. When I went out, I discovered the water source to be from the backwash hose connected to the neighbor's pool equipment on the side of the house (please see attached pics). You should be able to zoom in and see it a little better. Anyway, there appears to be some evidence of settling due to mud discoloration on top of the Grinder Pump lid (not septic tank lid). There was no mention of the sediment control fence during conversation. I don't know if this warrants any action by the Health Department or county agency like plumbing inspections, but I thought I would ask. We did sign-off on an inground pool BP back on February 2018.

Thanks,

Hank

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**From:** Hank Oswald <hoswaldjr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2019 1:17 PM  
**To:** Oswald, Hank <hoswald@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Pics

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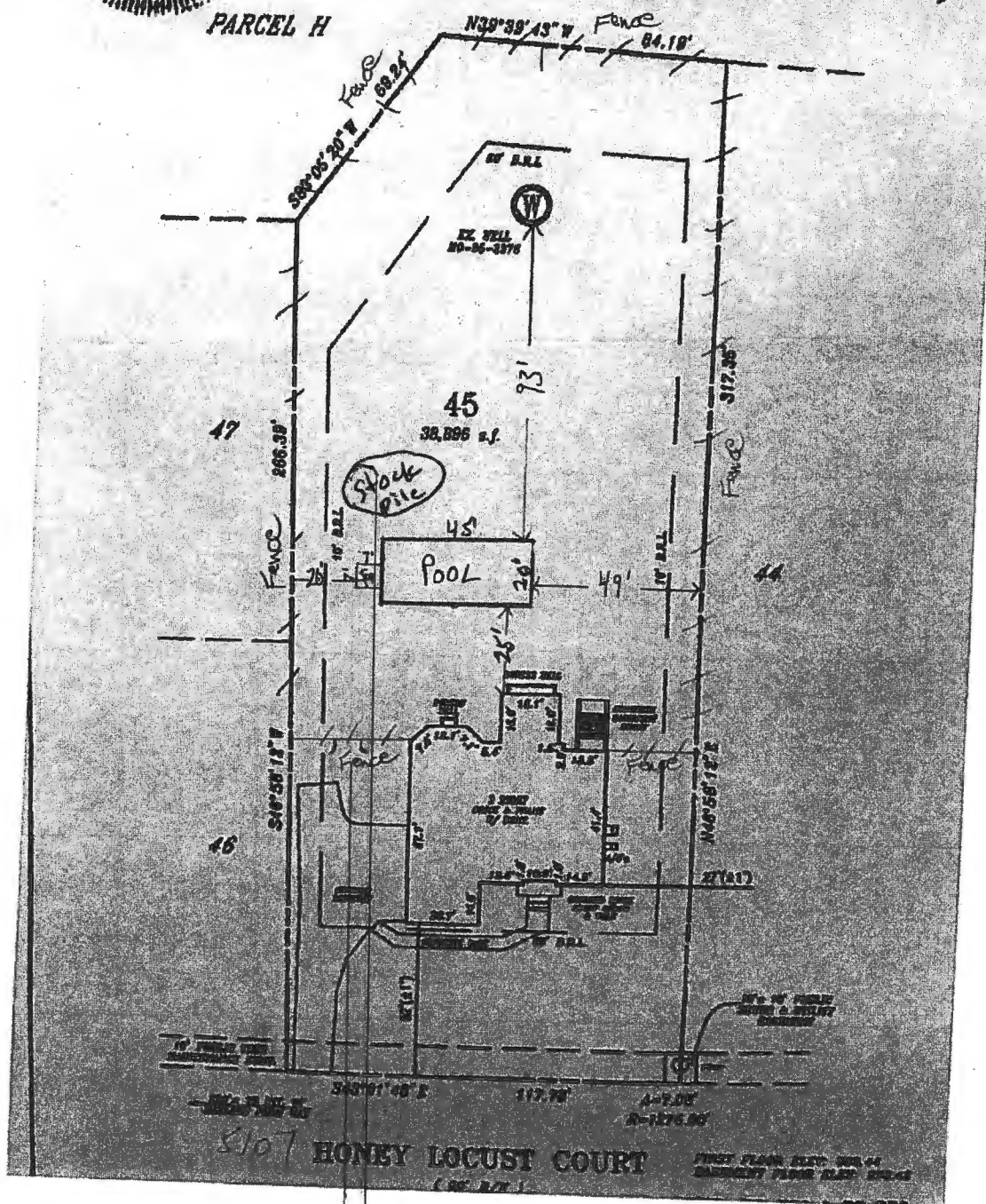
Jason + Kimberly LaRase  
 5107 Honey Locust Ct.  
 Ellicott City 21042  
 20' x 45' Rectangle pool w/ 7'x7' spa  
 900 sq ft

Depth: 3 1/2' - 8'  
 Gallons: 35,000  
 550' of Pool Code  
 Fence 1" = 30'



HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

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5107 HONEY LOCUST COURT

FIRST FLOOR PLAN: 003-04  
 SECOND FLOOR PLAN: 003-05





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**From:** Oswald, Hank  
**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2019 2:54 PM  
**To:** Hart, Amy  
**Subject:** Complaint\_Honey Locust Court  
**Attachments:** 20190724\_111706.jpg; 20190724\_111653.jpg

Hi Amy:

I received a call from a concerned resident about water run off from the neighbor's property located at 5107 Honey Locust Court (possibly from downspout) onto the "septic tank" lid of the complainant's property located at 5111 Honey Locust Court in Walnut Creek. When I went out, I discovered the water source to be from the backwash hose connected to the neighbor's pool equipment on the side of the house (please see attached pics). You should be able to zoom in and see it a little better. Anyway, there appears to be some evidence of settling on top of the Grinder Pump lid (not septic tank lid). Are those lids water proof? There was no mention of the sediment control fence during the initial conversation with the complainant. I checked with one of our inspectors in our Community Hygiene Program about enforcement, but it doesn't sound likely and the Department of Plumbing Inspections only has enforcement over sump pump discharge related issues. Would you be able to send someone out from your group to have a look?

Thanks,

Hank

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**From:** Oswald, Hank  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 08, 2019 1:38 PM  
**To:** Hart, Amy  
**Subject:** RE: Complaint\_Honey Locust Court

Hi Amy:

Good afternoon! I really appreciate the follow-up. I will update the homeowner.

Thanks,

Hank

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**From:** Hart, Amy  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 08, 2019 1:18 PM  
**To:** Oswald, Hank <hoswald@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Complaint\_Honey Locust Court

Good afternoon Hank!

I am actually familiar with this one. We have been trying to get the pool company to fix the grading around the grinder pit. I don't think it is going to happen so we are probably just going to fix it ourselves. However, we can only fix within the 10' X10' easement around the tank. We think that the stormwater people will have a problem with it because the ground is not stabilized and sediment is collecting in the ditch and washing into the storm drain. We are in the process of contacting them.

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**From:** Oswald, Hank  
**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2019 2:55 PM  
**To:** Hart, Amy <AHart@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Complaint\_Honey Locust Court

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Hank

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**From:** Smith, Darrell  
**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2019 8:25 AM  
**To:** Oswald, Hank  
**Subject:** RE: Complaint\_Water Discharge\_Honey Locust Court

Mr. Oswald,

Sorry for the late reply I had to leave yesterday unexpectedly but no we only have authority over sump pump discharges. You might check with Bill Blotzer the Chief Building Inspector or Tom Huskins our Div. Chief to see if building can help. I'm out of the office today. Tom's phone number is 410-313-1801

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**All of our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them. "Walt Disney"**

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**From:** Oswald, Hank  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2019 10:08 AM  
**To:** Smith, Darrell <jasmith@howardcountymd.gov>  
**Subject:** Complaint\_Water Discharge\_Honey Locust Court

Hello Mr. Smith:

I received a call from a concerned resident about water run off from the neighbor's property located at 5107 Honey Locust Court (possibly from the downspout) onto the "septic tank" lid of the complainant's property located at 5111 Honey Locust Court in Walnut Creek. When I went out yesterday, I discovered the water source to be from the backwash hose connected to the neighbor's pool equipment on the side of the house (please see attached pics). You should be able to zoom in and see it a little better. I observed some evidence of erosion in front of the property and settling due to mud discoloration on top of the Grinder Pump lid (not septic tank lid). There was no mention of the sediment control fence during our initial conversation, but one was in place. Perhaps the fencing was leftover from the pool construction in 2018. Anyway, I was just wondering if your department has any enforcement ability over this type of thing.

Thanks in advance,

Hank

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